



# Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand

Certifying Centre for Safe Community Programs

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## Tairawhiti Safe Community



Turangaiti a Kiwa



Ngati Porou



**Country:** New Zealand

**Number of inhabitants:** 44, 499

**Programme started year:** 1994, Trust established in 2010

**International Safe Communities Network Membership:** 2012

**Full application available:** [www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/trw](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/trw)

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### The programme covers the following safety promotion activities:

#### For the age group

#### Children 0-14 years:

- Swim for Life
- Child restraints
- KidStart
- Firewise
- Youth graffiti
- Footsteps to Feeling Safe
- Parenting Through Separation
- Supervised Contact for Children
- Parenting
- Plunket - child restraints
- Fire Service - juvenile fire settlers/Te Kotahitanga programme
- TRONP - whanau D&A

- Housing – safe whanau
- Police – safe environments
- ACC – injury prevention

### Youth 15-24 years:

- Fresh Start
- Youth drinking & driving
- Family violence
- Abuse
- Suicide
- Depression
- Learner driver licence programmes
- Host Responsibility Programmes
- Boy Racer Operations
- Graffiti Art
- REAP – water safety
- YMCA – Fresh Start – petty crime reduction
- Fire Service – youth drinking & driving
- Tairawhiti Youth Voice – graffiti project to reduce petty crime
- TRONP – D & A, family violence
- Tauawhi Men’s Centre – family violence, abuse, suicide, depression



Children participating in Matariki Festival

### Adults 25-64 years:

- family violence, abuse
- elderly abuse, advocacy
- Women’s Refuge – family violence, abuse
- Tauawhi Men’s Centre – family violence, abuse, suicide, depression

### Older Adults 65+ years:

- Turanga Health - tai chi
- Tauawhi Men’s Centre – D & A, abuse, suicide, depression
- ACC – falls
- Tai Chi
- Falls Prevention

### In the following Environments:

#### Home:

- ACC - injury
- Housing – safety
- Police – safety, crime reduction
- Fire Safety
- Smoke Alarms & Fire Safety
- Home Safety
- Crime Prevention
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Property Offending
- Advocacy for Elderly Abuse
- Parenting and Parenting Through Separation
- Family Support – young people who witness family violence



Installation of Smoke Alarms

#### Traffic:

- Drink driving
- Speed

- Fatigue
- Heavy road users
- Motorcyclists
- Child restraints
- Road safety coalition – police checks
- Learner driver licence
- Police – road crashes, drink driving, speed, fatigue, heavy traffic, motorcyclists
- GDC – road crashes, drinking & driving, speed, fatigue
- ACC – injury
- Plunket – child restraints
- Turanga Health – road crashes, drink & driving, speed, fatigue

### **Occupational:**

- Jukken NZ (JNL) Forestry - accidents, injury
- ACC – workplace injury, accidents
- Dept of Labour – workplace injury, accidents
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### **School:**

- REAP – water safety
- Fire Service – rural schools , drink & driving
- Water Safety NZ – safety
- Water safety
- Youth drink & driving
- Fire safety

### **Sports:**

- Sports Gisborne – sports injury
- ACC - injury
- YMCA – youth offending (14-17yrs)
- Sports injury
- Youth offending (14-17yrs)



November 2009, White Ribbon March through Gladstone Road, Gisborne.

### **Leisure:**

- Surf Life Saving – water safety
- REAP – Swim for Life – rural water safety
- Water safety
- OSCAR school holiday programme

### **Other:**

- E Tu Elgin – crime prevention, whanau safety
- Ka Pai Kaiti – crime prevention, safe streets, D & A
- Fire Service – Marae fire safety survey/report on findings

### **Violence prevention (intentional injuries):**

- Tairawhiti Abuse Intervention Network (T.A.I.N) family violence, abuse, Drugs and Alcohol
- Women's Refuge – family violence, child abuse
- Tairawhiti District Health – family violence, child abuse
- Tauawhi Men's Centre – family violence, abuse, suicide, depression
- TRONP – Drugs and Alcohol
- Neighbourhood Support
- Street By Street
- Family Violence Intervention

- Drug & Alcohol to whanau, hapu and Iwi
- Men's Support Group
- Women's Support Group
- Elderly Support Group
- Child Advocacy
- Counseling (men, women and children)
- Anger Management (men and women)
- Stopping Violence programmes



Water Safety

### **Suicide prevention** (self-inflicted injuries):

- Tairawhiti Abuse Intervention Network T.A.I.N.
- Police
- Tauawhi Men's Centre
- Tairawhiti District Health

### **Programmes aiming at "High risk-groups":**

- Police – Street By Street, Neighbourhood Watch, Road Safety Coalition
- Tauwhi Centre – D & A, Family Violence, Depression, Suicide
- T.A.I.N – Family Violence
- TRONP – Drugs and Alcohol, Violence, Abuse
- E Tu Elgin – Crime Prevention
- Ka Pai Kaiti – Crime Prevention, Drugs and Alcohol, Graffiti
- Fire Service – Juvenile Fire Settlers, Smoke Alarms and Youth drinking & driving
- Tairawhiti Youth Voice – Graffiti reduction
- Tairawhiti District Health – Child abuse, injury
- Drug & Alcohol
- Family Violence
- Depression
- Suicide
- Crime Prevention
- Fire Safety
- Drinking and Driving
- Graffiti Reduction
- Injury Prevention
- Child Abuse
- Family Safety
- Road Safety Coalition
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Marae Safety
- Elderly Abuse



Road Safety

**Surveillance of injuries:** There are a number of sources for injury statistics, both those sources mostly referred to are: Injury Prevention research Unit, Statistics NZ, ACC, Ministry of Health, Council surveys, NZ Police, NZ Fire and Various non-government organisations.

### **Injury Statistics:**

- During the five-year period 2003-2007, 128 people from Gisborne District died as a result of an injury an annual average of 26. This equates to a crude rate of 55.8 per 100,000 people.
- Significantly more males (72%, n=92, crude rate: 82.3/100,000) were fatally injured than females (28%, n=36, crude rate: 30.7/100,000).
- During this period, older adults 70 years and older have the highest rate and frequency of injury fatalities, followed by young people aged 15-19 years. Children aged 5-14 years have the lowest rate and frequency of injury fatalities, followed by adults aged 60-69 years.
- Motor Vehicle Traffic crashed was the leading cause of injury death, followed by falls.



- During the five-year period 2005-2009, 3,885 people from Gisborne District were hospitalised overnight for treatment of an injury, an annual average of 777. This equates to a crude rate of 1,609.7 per 100,000 people.
- During this period, adults 70 years and older have the highest rate and frequency of injury hospitalisations. Young people aged 15-24 years have the next highest rate and frequency of injury hospitalizations.
- Slightly more males (59%, n=2,299, crude rate: 2,052.9/100,000) than females (41%, n=1,586, crude rate: 1,346.5/100,000) were hospitalised for 24 hours or more following an injury event.
- Falls were the leading cause of injury hospitalisation.

Analysis of Gisborne District Police Crime statistics, including Alco-Link data, demonstrates that alcohol is a significant contributing factor to crime and motor vehicle traffic crashes in the Eastern District, with alcohol featuring in up to 75% of all Police attended incidents. An internal review of fatal motor vehicle crashes also demonstrates that 35% of these crashes have involved alcohol.

### International commitments:

Study visits:

Participation in Safe Community conferences:

- 17<sup>th</sup> International Safe Community Conference in Christchurch 2008

Other:

- Attendance at National ISC Forum in Auckland on 23 August 2009
- Attendance at National ISC Forum in Wellington 15th November 2010

### Safe Communities Staff

Number: 0.5 FTE (plus volunteer time from all partner agencies)

**Professions: part-time and full-time:** Working group members represent NZ Police, Gisborne District Council, Housing NZ, Turanga Health, NZ Fire Service, Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, Tairāwhiti Abuse Intervention Network (TAIN) and Tairāwhiti District Health.

**Organisation:** Tairāwhiti Safe Community

**Specific intersectoral leadership group:** Safe Tairāwhiti Communities Trust

**General public health/health promotion group:** Tairāwhiti District Health, and Te Runanga o Ngati Porou.



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